

a first solvent which is compatible with an organic component included in said  
conductive paste;

a surface active agent, an optional second solvent which is compatible with water and  
the first solvent; and

metal-compound particles wetted by said first solvent.

51. (Amended) A conductive paste comprising:

an organic binder;

a composite substance comprising a first solvent which is compatible with said  
organic binder, and metal particles wetted by said first solvent; and

a surface active agent, an optional second solvent which is compatible with water and  
the first solvent.

55. (Amended) A conductive paste comprising:

an organic binder;

a composite substance including a first solvent which is compatible with said organic  
binder, and metal-compound particles wetted by said first solvent; and a surface active agent,  
an optional second solvent which is compatible with water and the first solvent.

Please cancel Claims 10, 15, 20, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, and 58 without prejudice.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 17-22 to read as follows:

In addition to disallowing aggregation of metal particles, the composite substance can  
be dispersed into an organic vehicle and an organic solvent to achieve a conductive paste, in  
an extremely smooth, consistent and speedy manner since the solvent of the composite